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IMPLANTABLE DEVICES

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- 2) I am an employee of Medtronic, Inc. and have an obligation to assign inventions to Medtronic, Inc.
- The invention disclosed within the above-referenced patent application was 3) conceived of by me and the other named inventors before October 1999.
- An Invention Disclosure Form was completed that described the invention and was submitted to the Medtronic, Inc. legal department for consideration before October 1999 (a redacted copy of said form is attached hereto).
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